

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 91-040-C - ORDER NO. 91-863 ✓  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

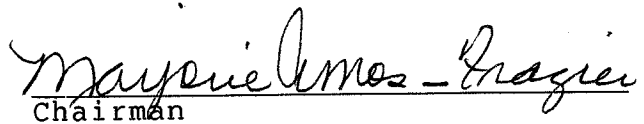
IN RE: Proceeding to Consider Revision of	)	ORDER GRANTING
the Application Form and Guidelines	)	PETITION TO
for Customer Owned Coin or Coinless	)	INTERVENE OUT OF
Pay Telephones	)	TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of Pond Branch Telephone Company (Pond Branch) for leave to intervene as a formal party of record in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of its Petition to Intervene Out of Time, Pond Branch asserts that on or about January 14, 1991, the Commission established a docket to review the application form and guidelines currently being used by COCOTs in South Carolina. The return date noticed to the public was February 15, 1991. Pond Branch submitted a letter dated February 18, 1991, to the Commission which it alleges was essentially a request for intervention. The letter, however, was not perceived by the Commission Staff as a request for intervention and it was not treated as such. According to the Petition of Pond Branch, the Company did not understand the position of Staff until September 19, 1991. Pond

Branch further asserts that it has a vital interest in the above-captioned matter and that it should be permitted to intervene out of time in this proceeding so that it may participate fully and present testimony and other evidence as appropriate. Pond Branch further asserts that as a party, it will not cause a delay in complying with the deadlines imposed for the pre-filing of testimony or cause a hardship upon any party. The Commission has considered the Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf Pond Branch Telephone Company and the reasons for the request stated therein. The Commission has determined that Pond Branch has demonstrated good cause as to why its Petition to Intervene Out of Time should be granted by the Commission and that no party participating in this proceeding will be prejudiced by the intervention of Pond Branch. Therefore, the Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of Pond Branch Telephone Company is hereby granted.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)